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## **George P. Thoreen, 81** ✓

**March 9, 1913 - Dec. 29, 1994**

**Lexington, NE** - George P. Thoreen, 81, of Lexington, NE died Dec. 29, 1994 at the Westside Care Home in Lexington, NE. He was born March 9, 1913 at Valley City, ND to John W. and Emma (Carlson) Thoreen, the son of Swedish immigrants.

He married Eileen McKeown July 14, 1937 at Boston, MA, she preceded him in death in 1987. He then married Kathryn (Katie) Marcum, July 3, 1988 at Lexington, NE.

He was raised in Alexandria, MN and attended the University of ID. He was employed by American Airlines while living in Boston. He and Eileen moved to Harlan due to his father's illness and took over management of his father's harness shop. Following his work at the Harness Shop, he became proprietor of the Firestone Store in Red Oak. In 1950 upon purchasing Lexington Propane Company he moved his family of four to Lexington. He sold the Lexington Propane Company and opened the Coast-to-Coast Store in Lexington and then in 1970 he became manager of Home Federal Savings and Loan until his retirement in 1978. He was active in many organizations in Lexington including: Lexington City Council, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, First Presbyterian Church, Boy Scouting and active in Community Development.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1987, his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his wife: Katie of Lexington, one son Richard (Lynda) Thoreen of Omaha, NE; one daughter Lynn (Bruce) Smith of Lexington, NE; two stepsons: Bill (Mattie) Marcum of Corpus Christi, TX and Jim (Cheri) Marcum of Castle Rock, CO; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Dec. 31, 1994 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington with Reverend Howard Bailey, officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood cemetery. Reynolds-Love Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.